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SUBJ: LOS: UNCLASSIFIED WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR D/LOS,
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1. SUMMARY: MOST OF TIME THIS WEEK SPENT IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ELABORATING ON PARTICULAR SUBJECTS THAT WILL APPEAR IN SINGLE TEXT BEING PREPARED BY CHAIRMEN OF THREE COMMITTEES. PACE OF WORK HAS SLOWED AS MOST STATES MAINTAINING EXISTING POSITIONS IN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE CONTENT OF SINGLE TEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMITTEE I: INFORMAL AND PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS CONTINUED THIS WEEK, MOST INTENSIVELY IN GROUP OF 77, REGARDING UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIC CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION AND STRUCTURE OF

INTERNATIONAL SEABED MACHINERY. FORMAL C-I MEETING HELD APRIL 25 TO DISCUSS MACHINERY ISSUES INCLUDED STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN OF GROUP OF 77 AND OTHER STATEMENTS BY ZAMBIA, CHILE, AND GUATEMALA IN SUPPORT OF GRANTING AUTHORITY PRODUCTION CONTROL POWERS. CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 77 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GROUP, HOWEVER, MADE QUITE CLEAR THAT GROUP AS A WHOLE HAS NOT ENDORSED PRODUCTION CONTROLS OR ANY SPECIFIC TYPE OF MACHINERY TO GUARD AGAINST ADVERSE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR LDC'S.

3. COMMITTEE II: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS CONTINUED ON CONTINENTAL SHELF, ISLANDS, HIGH SEAS, CLOSED AND SEMI-CLOSED SEAS, ECONOMIC ZONE, AND INNOCENT PASSAGE. FORTY-EIGHT LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES INTRODUCED DRAFT TEXT ON REGIME ON LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES OF ECONOMIC ZONE. (TEXT SENT D/LOS SEPTTEL.) UK MADE STRONG STATEMENT AGAINST LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES HAVING QUOTE EQUAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACCESS UNQUOTE TO LIVING RESOURCES IN COASTAL STATE ECONOMIC ZONE. JAPAN, IN UNUSUALLY DIRECT MANNER, STATED THAT IT WAS QUOTE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY UNQUOTE THAT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THIRD STATES BE PROTECTED IN ECONOMIC ZONE. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS LAID ON NEED FOR OPTIMUM YIELD AND FULL UTILIZATION CONCEPTS. JAPAN ALSO FLATLY SUPPORTED 200-MILE OUTER LIMIT FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF. CHINA AND INDIA ENDORSED FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT AS WELL AS LAYING OF SUBMARINE CABLES AND PIPELINES IN ECONOMIC ZONE. IN INNOCENT PASSAGE DISCUSSION, SPAIN CONTINUED TO PRESS ITS POSITION THAT NO UNIMPEDED PASSAGE REGIME SHOULD APPLY IN STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION, WHERE SUCH STRAITS WERE WITHIN 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. CANADA PUSHED FOR AMENDING TRADITIONAL DEFINITION OF INNOCENT PASSAGE TO PLACE QUOTE ENVIRONMENT UNQUOTE OF COASTAL STATE ON SOME FOOTING AS QUOTE PEACE, GOOD ORDER OR SECURITY UNQUOTE.

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AAAA(A) MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: FORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE III SAW INTRODUCTION BY GROUP OF 77 FOR REVISIONS TO L.12, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, AND L.13, MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. L.12 TEXT REMAINS BASICALLY AS INTRODUCED IN CARACAS, WHILE ONLY MAJOR CHANGE IN L.13 WAS A PROVISION ON LANDLOCKED. L.28 WAS INTRODUCED BY NETHERLANDS ON BEHALF OF THE LANDLOCKED (LL) AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES (GDS) WHICH

WAS STATED TO INCLUDE 48 COUNTRIES. L.28 AMENDS L.19 AND SETS FORTH ADDITIONAL RIGHTS FOR LL AND GDS AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES. INFORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE III CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY WITH NO AGREEMENTS REACHED IN INFORMAL MEETING. HOWEVER, INFORMAL NEGOTIATION GROUP HAS AGREED ON TEXT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO INFORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE III NEXT WEEK.

(B) POLLUTION: COMMITTEE III WORKING GROUP ON ITEM 12 (MARINE POLLUTION) HELD NO SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS THIS WEEK. REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING APRIL 18 CANCELLED DUE TO PLENARY. AT APRIL 22 AND 24 MEETINGS, CHAIRMAN (VALLARTA) REPORTED THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED BY HIM HAD LED TO IMPASSE ON DRAFT ARTICLE ON PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SEABED ACTIVITIES WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION, DUE TO DIFFERING VIEWS AS TO ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD IN FACT BE SUBJECT TO COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION. ON BOTH OCCASIONS, MEETINGS ADJOURNED WITHOUT OBJECTION. CHAIRMAN UNDERTOOK TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IMPASSE INFORMALLY AND TO COMPLETE SUGGESTED TEXT ON OCEAN DUMPING FOR PRESENTATION AT NEXT MEETING.

5. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: GROUP ON COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES COMPLETED ANALYSIS OF CHAPTER AND ANNEXES. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON EXCEPTIONS TO COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. GROUP IS NOW PREPARING SINGLE TEXT TO BE FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
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